

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Dennis Ward, et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
DETECTING FAULT  
CONDITIONS ON AUDIO  
OUTPUT CHANNELS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

| No.       | Date of Publication | Patentee/Applicant/Assignee |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4,752,959 | 06/21/1988          | Matsumoto                   |
| 4,759,065 | 07/19/1988          | Field et al.                |
| 5,450,624 | 09/12/1995          | Porambo et al.              |
| 5,631,566 | 05/20/1997          | Person et al.               |
| 5,815,584 | 09/29/1998          | Whitecar et al.             |
| 5,940,518 | 08/17/1999          | Augustyn et al.             |
| 6,370,252 | 04/09/2002          | Lunter                      |
| 6,577,737 | 06/10/2003          | Krochmal et al.             |

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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